

80 Minute Rule For Mustang Games

There seems to be some inconsistencies when applying the 80 minute rule in Mustang games. It doesn't matter if it is a girls or boys game, it is the same when enforcing the rule. The perfect enforcement of this rule would be as follows:

1. When pitcher is throwing his 1st warm-up pitch at the top of the 1st inning the umpire with the watch calls the game time by announcing the current time in the following example: "Coaches game time is 5:30, that's 5:30 game time". The coaches should write down the time in their respective scorebooks.
2. When the 80 minute mark is reached and in the above example that would be at 6:50 pm, the umpire should stop the game by calling time. The umpire should then announce to both the coaches that the 80 minute mark has been reached and that the next inning will be the last inning. It doesn't matter if there is no game after the current game, all mustang games with the exception of the championship game are governed by the 80 minute time limit rule.
3. The next inning starts when the last out is made in the previous inning. For example, you are currently in the 3rd inning and the last out in the third inning is made. As soon as the out is made you are now in the 4th inning. If teams are coming in and out of their dugouts, or the pitcher is now warming up, it doesn't matter. Once the final out of the third inning is made, you are now in the 4th inning and if the time limit has now been reached you **will** play both the whole 4th and 5th innings.
4. If there are 2 strikes and 2 outs in the 4th inning when the 80 minute limit is reached, then time is called and the 5th inning would be the last inning.